

LTJG [REDACTED]

Below is a summary of a phone interview of LTJG [REDACTED] USCG, conducted by the AIM informal board on October 11, 2006 concerning the diving incident which resulted in two deaths on 17 August 2006. AIM board members who conducted the phone interview were LCDR [REDACTED] and LCDR [REDACTED].

LTJG [REDACTED] is a 2004 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. She attended the Navy Dive School's scuba course in the summer of 2004 shortly after reporting in HEALY. Upon graduation from dive school she became a member of HEALY's dive team and served in the capacity until she departed the ship in late April 2006.

As a member of the HEALY dive team she did not participate in or remember scuba dives taking place in the Arctic. The dive team did conduct scuba dives, but only when the ship was in port. She remembers scuba diving during a bow thruster project on HEALY in Seattle, training dives in Seattle, and a trip to Astoria where the team conducted some husbandry dives. Those were the only times she remembers the team conducting CG scuba dives.

She recalled that many dive team members participated in a recreational dive toward the end of the 2005 deployment when the ship was in Cabo San Lucas Mexico. The team used Coast Guard BC's, wet suits, and fins. However, the dive took place off a charter boat and the divers used rented tanks and regulators. The intended purpose of the dive was recreational in nature; looking at fish and rocks. She does not recall any dives in Cabo where the team conducted an official CG mission or training.

LTJG [REDACTED] was not sure where the dive tanks were filled prior to HEALY's Arctic West 2006 deployment. However, she believes they were likely filled at MSST Seattle or Underwater Sports.

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